

Best Available Copy

EXAMINER

09/527880

Form PTO 948 (Rev. 03/01) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - Patent and Trademark Office Application No. 09/527880

NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S

PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 3/20/00 are:

A. approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.

B. objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings, when necessary. Corrected drawing must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings:

Black ink. Color.

Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted.

Fig(s) _____

Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b):

Full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____

Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)

Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e):

Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable.

Fig(s) _____

Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations,

folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) _____

Mylar, vellum paper is not acceptable (too thin).

Fig(s) _____

4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4)

21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)

All drawing sheets not the same size.

Sheet(s) _____

Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____

5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

SIZE: A4 Size

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11

Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) _____

Top (T) _____

Left (L) _____

Right (R) _____

Bottom (B) _____

6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h):

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.

Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(2)

Brackets needed to show figure as one entity.

Fig(s) _____

Views not labeled separately or properly.

Fig(s) _____

Enlarged view not labeled separately or properly.

Fig(s) _____

7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3):

Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object.

Fig(s) _____

Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i):

Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion, when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k):

Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l):

Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) _____

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m):

Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____

Solid black shading not permanent. Fig(s) _____

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(p):

Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) _____

Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____

Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1). Fig(s) _____

English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2). Fig(s) _____

Figs _____

Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least

132 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). Fig(s) _____

Figs _____

13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q):

Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) _____

Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____

14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(r):

Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals

beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____

15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u):

Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals,

beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____

16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w):

Corrections not made from prior PTO-948 dated _____

17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152:

Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____

Solid black shading not used for color contrast. Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS

REVIEWER _____

DATE 6/13/01 TELEPHONE NO. 308-0011

ATTACHMENT TO PAPER NO. 3

Attachment for PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier)
6/18/01

The below text replaces the pre-printed text under the heading, "Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes," on the back of the PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier) form.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities -- 37 CFR 1.85

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. Extensions of time may NOT be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Draftsperson, **MUST** be made in the same manner as above except that, normally, a highlighted (preferably red ink) sketch of the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit the drawing corrections within the time period set in the attached Office communication. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application.